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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Thursday, 14 November 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4646th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Timor-Leste

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (S/2002/1223)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia

4 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

4 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 50th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development . . . . . [38]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/384, A/57/584)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/57/336)

   (c) Draft resolution (A/57/L.20)

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2. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/57/L.10) [30]

3. South American Zone of Peace and Cooperation: draft resolution (A/57/L.7) [167]

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 34th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [93]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.36

2. Addresses by:

Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

3. Environment and sustainable development (A/57/25, A/57/132, A/57/84-S/2002/645, A/57/202, A/57/329, A/57/331, A/57/343, A/57/350, A/57/422-S/2002/1064) [87]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/57/3 (Part I and II), A/57/444, A/57/460, A/57/497 and A/CONF.199/20)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3–6 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [91]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.34

2. Sectoral policy questions [85]

(b) Business and development (A/57/591)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/57/359) [87 (c)]

General discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 49th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [109 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.41, A/C.3/57/L.44, A/C.3/57/L.45, A/C.3/57/L.46, A/C.3/57/L.47, A/C.3/57/L.51, A/C.3/57/L.52, A/C.3/57/L.54 and A/C.3/57/L.55

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [109 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.43, A/C.3/57/L.48, A/C.3/57/L.49 and A/C.3/57/L.50

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Capital master plan (A/57/285 and A/57/7/Add.4))

2.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 111 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/57/187 and A/57/7/Add.1, paras. 2-9)); and 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/57/362 and A/57/7/Add.3), and Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization (A/57/355 and A/57/7/Add.2))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Progress report on the write-off of contingent-owned equipment at liquidated missions

2. Progress report on the processing of claims for equipment contributed and self-sustainment undertaken at peacekeeping missions

3. Reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Room DC2-461

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room DC2-461

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly on the strengthening of the United Nations

3 p.m. 4th (closed) meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change" (documents A/57/387 and A/57/387/Corr.1), to consider proposed actions 21-24 [Three Conference

Room Papers (A/57/CRP.1, A/57/CRP.2, A/57/CRP. 3 (in English only)) have been circulated to delegations and copies are available in room S-2925. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, will make introductory remarks and respond to questions. Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.]

Informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "The Responsibility to Protect the Vulnerable: the Response of Member States and the United Nations System", under agenda item 44 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) (organized by the delegation of Canada)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.29 (item 94) (Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence)

10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.31 (item 96) (Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries)

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.13 (item 86 (c)) (Culture and development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.12 (item 86 (a)) (Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.5 (item 84 (b)) (Commodities)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.30 (item 95) (Twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the Strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.23 (item 89) (Establishment of the World Solidarity Fund)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room S-2963D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.26 (item 88) (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

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[1] Following the adjournment of the meeting on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.29.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 14 November 2002

JUSCANZ Group *(Second Committee)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

JUSCANZ Group *(Third Committee)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Mine Action Support Group (MASG)

9 a.m.–1 p.m.. . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 4

3–6 p.m.. . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 4

Africa Advocacy Forum II

10 a.m.–2 p.m... . . . . Conference Room 2

Africa Advocacy Forum II, as a follow-up of the Second Microcredit Summit, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed countries (OSCAL), in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, the Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York [Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ruth Bamela Engo (room DC1-1256; tel. 1 (212) 963-4780); or Mieko Ikegame (Room DC1-1254; tel. 1 (212) 963-1937).]

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: on racism)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m... . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: on A/C.2/57/L.15, A/C.2/57/L.4, A/C.2/57/L.16 and A/C.2/57/L.29)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m... . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: on agenda items 21 and 90 (a); and A/C.2/57/L.14)*

3–5 p.m.. . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 1

Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)

10 a.m.–1 p.m... . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Meeting on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) (organized by the delegation of Angola on behalf of SADC)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.. . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 8

Meetings on Third Committee matters:

Informal consultations on the question of human rights in Afghanistan (organized by the delegation of Italy)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

African Union *(Informal consultations on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union (organized by the delegation of South Africa)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Islamic Group *(Third Committee) (at the expert level) (Informal consultations on extra-judicial, summary and arbitrary executions)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening International Urban Search and Rescue Assistance" under agenda item 21 (a) (organized by the delegation of Turkey) (all interested delegations are invited)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 14 November 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press Briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 15 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 51st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/430) . . . . . [28]

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

Second Committee

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning[1]	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

[1] Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

10 a.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2.30–4.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Open-ended panel of the General Assembly on "Afghanistan: one year later"

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/8 of 11 November 2002, an open-ended panel of the General Assembly on "Afghanistan: one-year later" will be held on Monday, 18 November 2002, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panel will consist of two consecutive sessions: from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first session will focus on political issues and the second on economic issues. The list of panellists will be selected by the President of the General Assembly, in consultations with the Member States. The list of panellists will be announced as soon as it is finalized. Member States, observer delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and accredited media are invited to attend.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its next meeting on Friday, 15 November 2002, at 10 a.m., to take action on draft resolutions pertaining to item 76 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/C.4/57/L.9, A/C.4/57/L.10, A/C.4/57/L.11, A/C.4/57/L.12, A/C.4/57/L.13, A/C.4/57/L.14 and A/C.4/57/L.15); and to item 77 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) (A/C.4/57/L.16, A/C.4/57/L.17, A/C.4/57/L.18, A/C.4/57/L.19, A/C.4/57/L.20). Delegations wishing to join as additional co-sponsors may contact the Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Economic and Social Council

Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o (Kenya).

United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the United Nations Development Programme *Human Development Report 2003* will be held on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(on financing for development)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on financing for development)* on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: on racism)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee: on racism)* on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m (conference room to be announced).

UNITAR workshop series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as NGO representatives are welcome to attend. This seminar is part of the UNITAR series, launched under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing on issues relevant to the Council of Europe

There will be an informal briefing by Ms. Jane Dinsdale, Director in the Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, on issues relevant to the Council of Europe on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child (agenda item 105) (organized by the delegation of Uruguay)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child (agenda item 105), organized by the delegation of Uruguay, on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Briefing for all European missions on the outcome and decisions of the Sixth European Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference held in Berlin

In the context of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, and in particular of the discussions in the Second and Third Committees, the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations and the Observer Mission of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to the United Nations are jointly organizing a briefing for all European missions on the outcome and decisions of the Sixth European Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference held in Berlin. The briefing will be held on Monday, 18 November 2002, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Ms. Heike Spieker, Senior Official and Director of the International Humanitarian Law Department, German Red Cross, and experts from the International Federation Headquarters in Geneva, will be among the speakers. Representatives of all European Missions are invited to attend. Relevant United Nations agencies will also be present. For further information, please contact Mr. Axel Kuchle, Permanent Mission of Germany (tel. 1 (212) 940-0441); or Mr. Preben Marcussen, Permanent Observer Mission of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (tel. 1 (212) 338-0161).

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2003. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 18 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 21 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures

There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 56/24P (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Tuesday, 19 November 2002, at 10 a.m. (conference room to be announced). The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Wednesday, 20 November 2002, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All delegations are invited to attend.

UNITAR Workshop on the effective management of meetings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the effective management of meetings. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 27 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than Monday, 2

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Deadline for the nomination of candidates for election as permanent judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda

Member States and non-Member States maintaining permanent observer missions at United Nations Headquarters are reminded that, pursuant to the decision taken by the Security Council at its 4621st meeting on 11 October 2002, the deadline for the nomination of candidates for election as permanent judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda has been extended to Friday, 15 November 2002. Any nominations that they may wish to make should be communicated to the Legal Counsel (room S-3427A) before the close of business of that day.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 1 November 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 13 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

49th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/227 and A/57/227/Corr.1). . . . . . [42]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Botswana, Canada, Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Chile, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Eritrea, Venezuela, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Kenya, Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)) and Suriname.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 42.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that the reports of the Sixth Committee would be considered on Tuesday, 19 November 2002, in the morning, and that the reports of the First Committee would be considered on Friday, 22 November 2002, in the morning.

Main Committees

Second Committee

33rd meeting

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [87]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee began its general consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Chief, Water, Natural Resources and Small Islands States Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), as well as Cyprus and Malta, also associated to the European Union), South Africa, Norway, the Russian Federation, China, Costa Rica (on behalf of Rio Group), India, Cuba, Indonesia (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Ecuador, Thailand, Japan and Switzerland.

The representatives of the World Tourism Organization and the International Labour Organisation also made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 87 and sub-item (a) was Friday, 15 November, at 6 p.m.

Third Committee

47th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Slovenia, Ukraine, Norway, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Algeria, Ghana, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Croatia, the Sudan, Japan, Canada and Jordan.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Organization for Migration, an intergovernmental organization.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

48th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda item 104 and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia and Pakistan.

Human rights questions . . . . . [109]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right of reply

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Togo.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

Economic and Social Council

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Twenty-ninth session

Wednesday, 13 November 2002

32nd meeting

Consideration of reports . . . . . [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Slovak Republic (E/1990/5/Add.49).

33rd meeting

Consideration of reports . . . . . [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Poland (E/C.12/4/Add.9). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's Rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Czech Republic (12 November 2002)[1]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Czech Republic (12 November 2002)[1]

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Czech Republic (12 November 2002)[1]

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO Communications Workshop

The topic of the DPI/NGO Communications Workshop, which replaces the regular DPI/NGO Briefing this week, is "Affordable Communications Technologies: NGOs Connect." The Workshop will be held *today,* 14 November 2002, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The morning session, entitled "Innovative Means of Communication: What Are the Options for NGOs?", will feature Mr. Andreas Damianou, Acting Chief, Webcasting and Web Development Unit, Web site Section, DPI; Mr. Andrew Nye, Chief, Television Operations Unit, Broadcast and Conference Support Section, Information Technology Services Division (ITSD); Mr. Daniel Perez-Llebot, Computer Engineer, NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Dan Uitti, NGO/DPI Executive Committee Webmaster, Lions Clubs International – LionNet; and Mr. Henry Withers, Chief, Communications Unit, Voice and Messaging Section, ITSD. The afternoon session, entitled "Actually It's Easy: Practical Applications", will feature Ms. Janice Fett, Communications Consultant, Mary Norton, Representative, International Council of Nurses – Felician College; Ms. Yasna Uberoi, Programme Coordinator, Women Ink, International Women's Tribune Centre, Inc., and Leo Vasquez, Manager of Online Communications and Editor, Milano Nonprofit Management Knowledge Hub, New School University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. This Workshop is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the NGO/DPI Executive Committee. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859); or Ms. Isolda Oca, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-8305).

United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2003

The launch in New York, by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2003 will take place on Tuesday, 19 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hope for the Future". Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, and Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, , as well as the Chairman of the Group of 77, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on 19 and 20 November in Bern and in six other donor capitals, as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal. This event will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2003 are: Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, Chechnya and Neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire (and West Africa Sub-region), Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Indonesia, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan and Uganda.

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A/57/595-S/2002/1235	Letter dated 8 November 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2002/1238	Letter dated 11 November 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2002/1240	Letter dated 12 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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